



# CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

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and Human Services**

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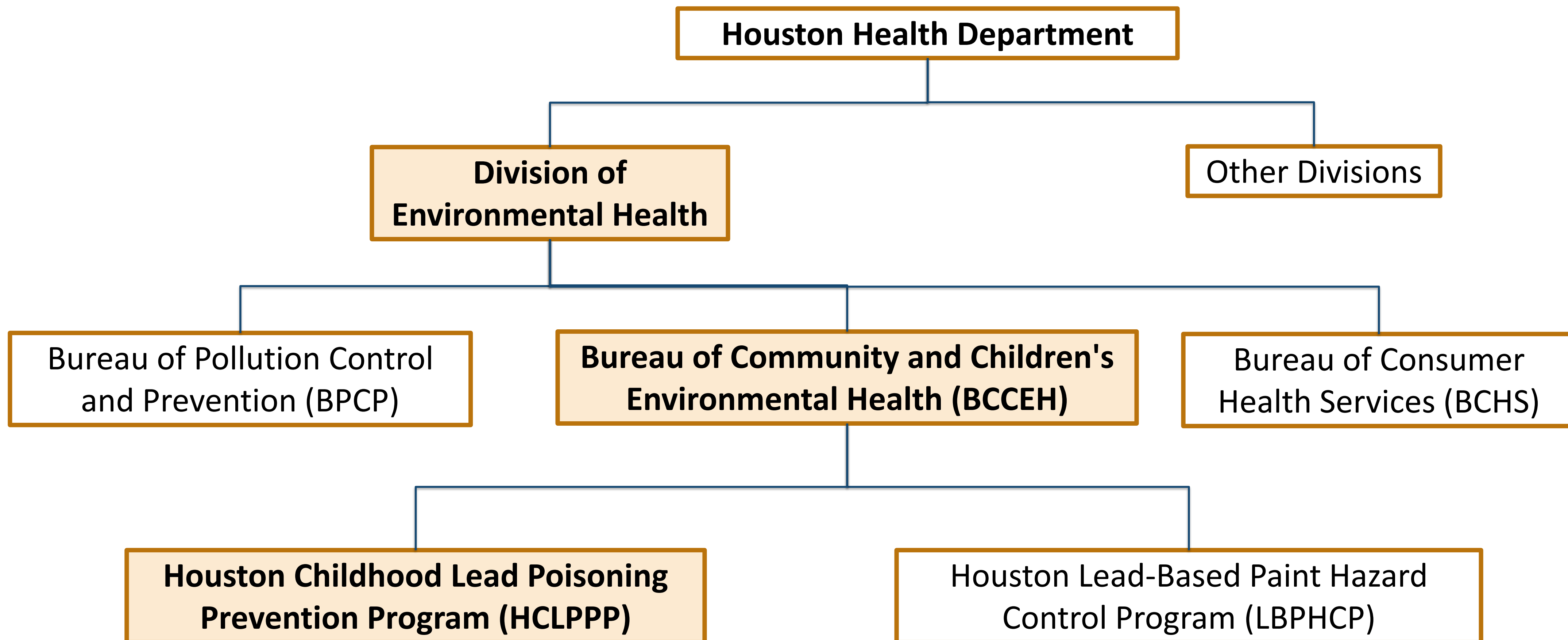


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# What Organization we represent

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# Houston Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program



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Purpose of the CLPPP is to reduce the prevalence of childhood lead poisoning in the city of Houston, to educate health care professionals and the public about the hazards of childhood lead poisoning, and identify and provide care-coordination to children with childhood lead poisoning.

The Program's activities are directed towards:

- Developing and enhancing a surveillance system that monitors blood lead levels,
- Assuring that children exposed to lead are screened and provided with care coordination,
- Assuring awareness and action among the general public and affected professionals in relation to childhood lead poisoning
- Expanding primary prevention in high-risk areas



# What area is served through CLPPP Houston?

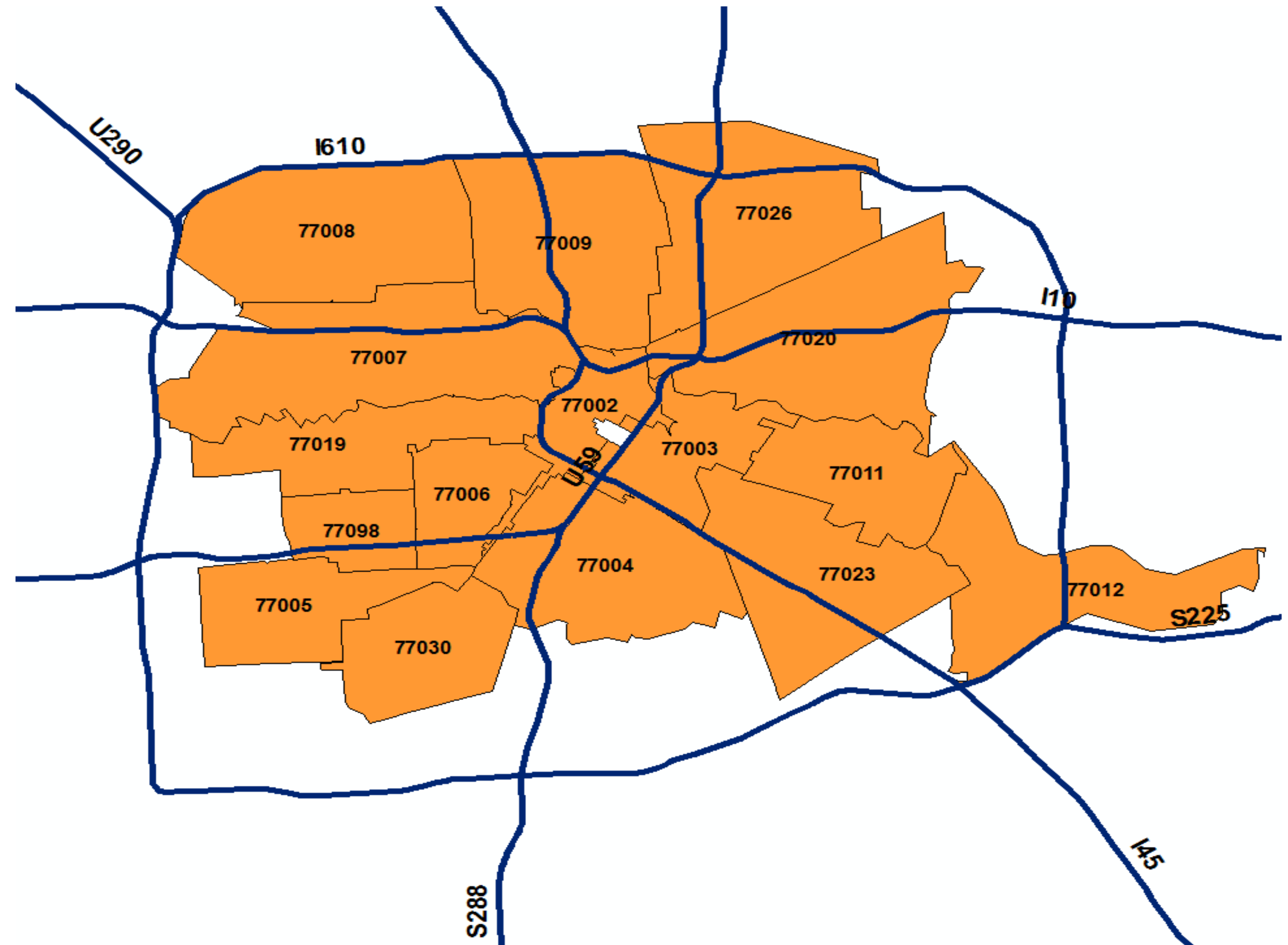


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Houston CLPPP serves within the 610  
Loop, focusing on 16

zip codes:

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- 77005
- 77006
- 77007
- 77008
- 77009
- 77011
- 77012
- 77019
- 77020
- 77023
- 77026
- 77030
- 77098





# How does your organization enable their clients to avoid/prevent Lead Poisoning



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Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program- in which we strive to educate and prevent childhood lead poisoning within our communities focusing on 16 zip codes within the Houston area. Education is presented through the following:

1. Community Health Fairs
2. School Presentations
3. Clinic Presentations
4. Care Coordination
5. Community Health Choice CHW's (Trainings Soon 11/20017)



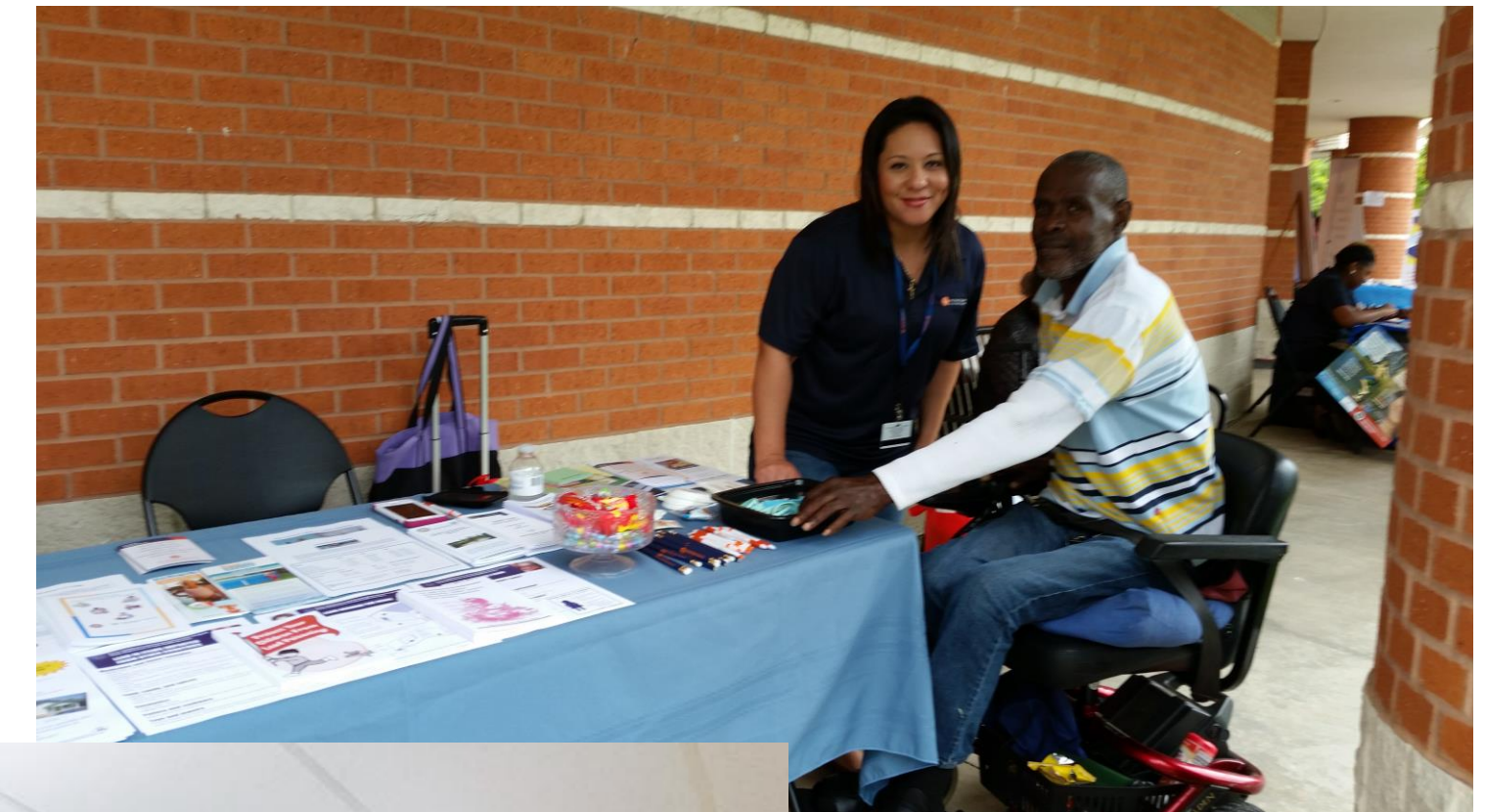
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Educate parents by completing presentations within the community i.e., Head Start Centers, and schools. Presentations are also given to medical staff to help educate physicians on the PB109 and criteria for ELI's.

Community outreach is completed through Health Fairs. Community partners we collaborate to spread education are Community Health Workers, Communities in Schools Program Coordinators, Nurses, and several nonprofit agencies through the Interagency Meetings at United Way Houston.

Care coordination is provided to follow up on children with high lead levels to educate parents in their homes and ensure they understand the severity of Lead Poisoning.





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HCLPPP also does Lead surveillance and analysis of the data. The results are shared with stakeholders and community leaders to improve the screening rate and raise awareness.

HCLPPP partner with HUD- Lead Hazard Reduction Control Program(LHRCP) to provide Lead Environmental investigation which includes a comprehensive risk assessment and may include an inspection of the child's home and/or other homes where the child spends a frequent amount of time.

When Lead exposure hazards are found the HUD's grant based lead LHRCP checks for the qualification and if qualifies the house will be made lead safe.



# What are some successes?



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## Program Accomplishment

- Implementing CDC – HCLPPP data system, with support from HHD-IT, and CDC-HHLPSS team, we are making progress on understanding and getting the system ready for operational use.
- We have strengthened our efforts on community, and provider outreach and education, last grant year participated over 66 outreach activities and provided education over 9,000 community members .
- Build new partnerships with local non- profits Head starts refugee centers and community organizations



# What are some barriers?



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Barriers within the Houston CLPPP have been language barriers with no current ability (funding) to use a language line, culture (due to the diverse populations within Houston), incentives for community outreach, refugees constant moving with the inability to locate due to limited access of clients information.



# QUESTIONS? PREGUNTAS?



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